STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Docket HWCA 2006 1173

Worldwide Recovery Systems, Inc. 1349 South East End Avenue Pomona, California 91766

CONSENT ORDER

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Respondent.

Health and Safety Code Section 25187

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. <u>Parties</u>. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and Worldwide Recovery Systems, Inc. (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order (Order) and agree as follows:
 - 1.2. Site. Respondent transports hazardous waste.
- 1.3. Inspection. The Department inspected Respondent on March 3, 6, and 20, 2006.
- 1.4. <u>Authorization Status</u>. The Department authorized Respondent to transport hazardous waste by Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Number 4246.
- 1.5. Jurisdiction. Health and Safety Code section 25187, authorizes the Department to order action necessary to correct violations and to assess a penalty when the Department determines that any person has violated specified provisions of the Health and Safety Code or any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant thereto.

- 1.6. <u>Full Settlement</u>. This Order shall constitute full settlement of the violation alleged below. The Parties, and each of them, agree that this Order, and all of the terms contained herein, are fair, reasonable, and in the public interest. By agreeing to this Order, the Department does not waive any right to take other enforcement actions except as specifically provided in this Order.
 - 1.7. <u>Hearing</u>. Respondent waives any and all rights to a hearing in this matter.
- 1.8. Admissions. Respondent does not admit the violation alleged in Section 2 below.

2. VIOLATION ALLEGED

- 2.1. The Department alleges the following violation:
- 2.1.1. Respondent violated the Health and Safety Code section 25201, subdivisions (a), in that on nineteen (19) occasions between on or about February 18, 2005 and August 19, 2005, Respondent stored hazardous waste in excess of the ten days allowed under the transfer facility exemption without a permit or other grant of authorization from the Department.

3. SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

- 3.1. Respondent shall comply with the following:
- 3.1.1. Respondent has corrected the violation alleged above.
- 3.1.2. Respondent shall make all payments at the time(s) and in accord with any other conditions set forth in Section 5 (Penalty) below.

4. OTHER PROVISIONS

4.1. Parties Bound. This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent

and its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, consultants, receivers, trustees, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Order.

4.2. <u>Integration.</u> This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this Order.

5. PENALTY

- 5.1. Respondent shall pay the Department the total sum of \$10,000 as a penalty. The payments shall be paid in four (4) installments of \$2,500. The installments of \$2,500 each are due and payable as follows: On November 1, 2006, February 1, 2007, May 1, 2007 and August 1, 2007. Any installment payment that is received by the Department more than 15 days after it is due will be subject to a \$250 penalty, such penalty shall be paid by the Respondent no later than the due date of the next installment payment. Respondent's checks shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:
- 5.2. Respondent's checks shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, shall identify the Respondent and Docket Number, as shown in the caption of this case, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control Accounting Office 1001 I Street, 21st floor P. O. Box 806 Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check(s) shall be sent to:

Robert Kou, Unit Chief Statewide Compliance Division Department of Toxic Substances Control 1011 Grandview Avenue Glendale, California 91201 and

Ramon Perez, Esq.
Office of Legal Affairs
Department of Toxic Substances Control
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 150
San Diego, California 92123

5.3. Respondent hereby agrees to send one of its employees to the California Compliance School, Modules I through IV. Attendance of each and every module must be completed and Respondent must submit a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion issued by the California Compliance School to the Department within 185 days of the date of this Order. In recognition of this educational investment, the penalty imposed by this Order has been reduced by \$5,000 provided the employee satisfactorily completes the specified modules and the Department receives the Certificate of Satisfactory Completion within 185 days of the effective date of this Order. If Respondent fails to submit the Certificate of Satisfactory Completion as required, the penalty of \$5,000 becomes due and payable within 30 days after the 185-day period expires. The 185-day period may be extended by a Department Branch Chief upon written request from the Respondent demonstrating good cause.

5.4. If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 25360.1, and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

6. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

6.1. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Department

Dated: September 25, 2006

Original signed by Doug Keeney
Worldwide Recovery Systems, Inc.
Respondent

Doug Keeney

Type or Print Name and Title of Respondent's Representative

Dated: October 20, 2006

Original signed by Robert Kou

Robert Kou, Unit Chief

Statewide Compliance Division

Department of Toxic Substances Control